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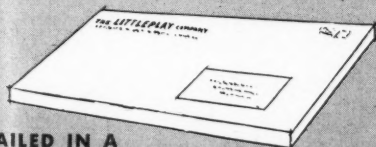
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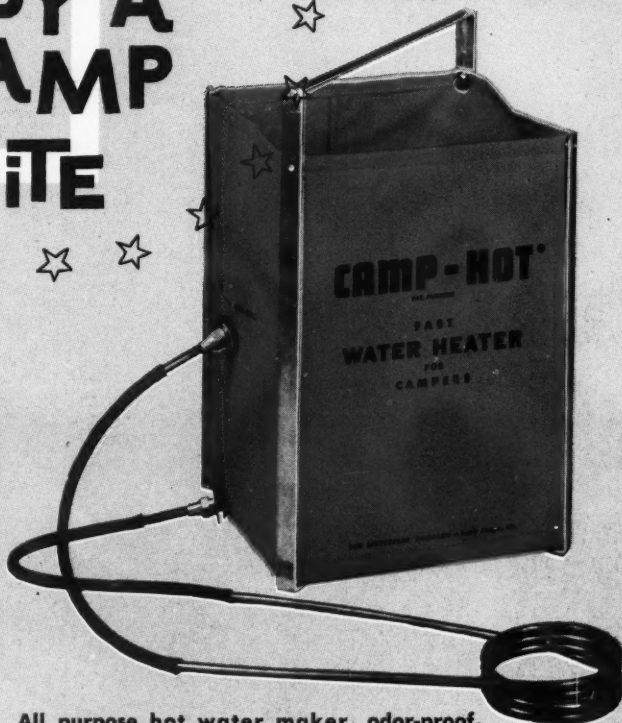


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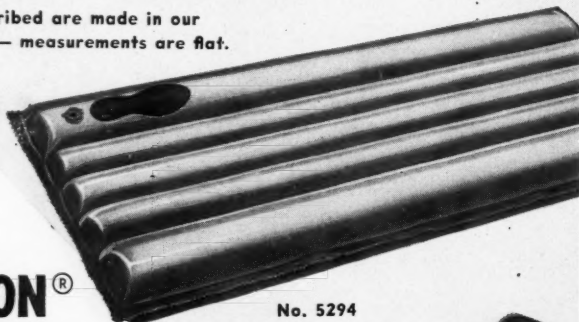
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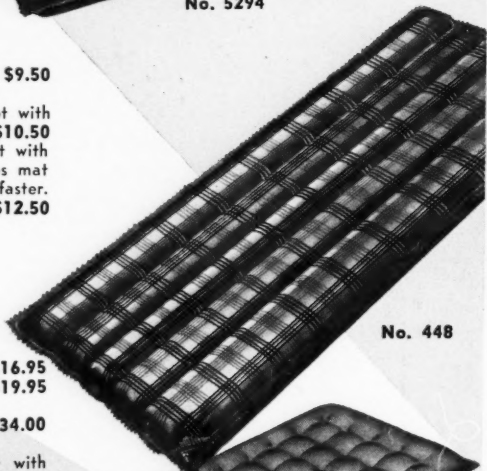
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ACA was glad to have the opportunity to assist General Foods in phrasing the literature so that it would be in keeping with good camping practices. In addition, we called the program to the attention of our membership.

I am also happy to recognize the contribution of General Foods to our Leadership program.

Stanley J. Michaels  
President, ACA

### Boating in Camp

Most camps stress distance swimming and staying in water for a half-hour as a basis for safety in boating. I submit this is the wrong approach!

I believe the main "aim" should be so to teach that a boy or girl will be able to handle themselves with as near perfect safety as the elements will permit.

Many camps keep a child from sailing until he can pass certain swimming tests. I take youngsters, with lifejackets, in a sailboat to learn sailing during the whole summer. They will also be learning swimming in regular swim periods. These completely separate sets of skills can be learned from the opening day of camp—not one dependent on the other so that it is August before boating is possible.

The point I want to make is simply this—don't spend most of the summer practicing tip-testing, swimming, land drills, etc. Get campers right into the boat with an expert, and let them learn first hand. *Don't* scare them before they even start. Substitute *fun*, have them relaxed, then skill will come.

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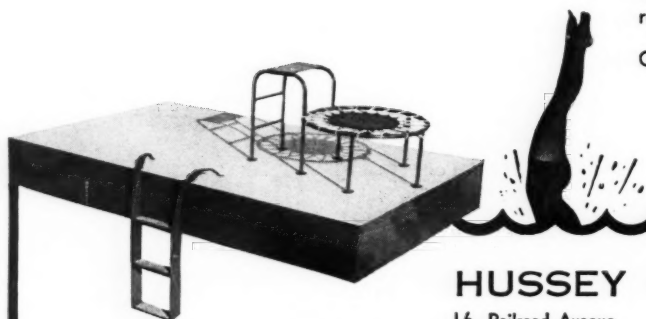
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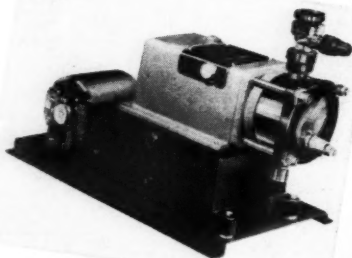
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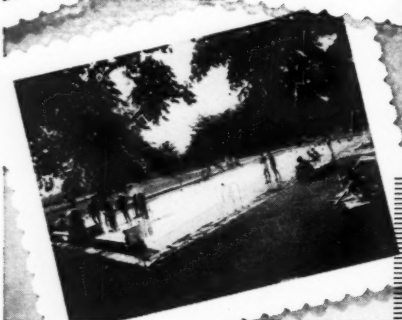
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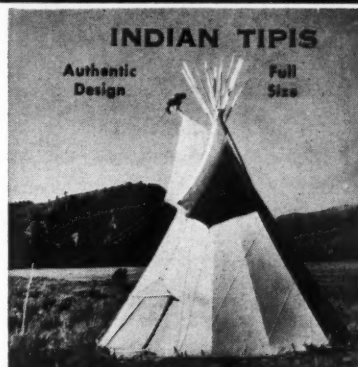
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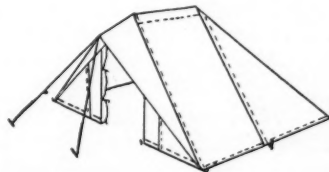
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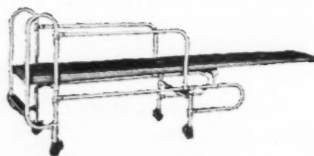


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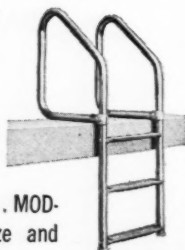


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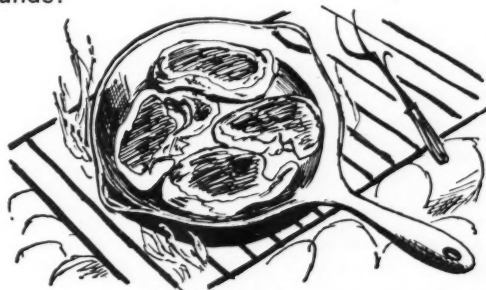


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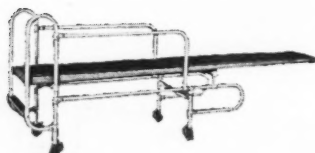


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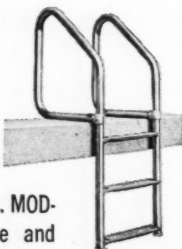


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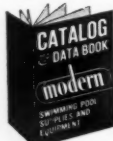
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Relationships between campers and counselors and campers are presented as a human experience.

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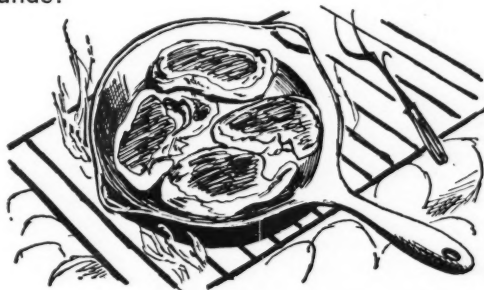


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# Guide for Summer Activities

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Directors and counselors alike will find Mary Elizabeth Durfee's article on the first hundred years of camping full of interest and inspiration. She draws upon the past to inspire us all in our current work. Your staff members, particularly new ones, will find that her article and ACA President Stanley Michaels' message give them a broad picture of camping and ACA.

Program ideas and ideas for your arts and crafts activi-

ties make up a large portion of this Guide for Summer issue. Share these with all your staff. The book sections list new books not mentioned in the monthly column.

The special Summer Buyers' Guide is designed to help you in your reordering and in placing new orders. It lists the suppliers you've become acquainted with through their advertising in Camping Magazine.

Camping Magazine will be back in November when another publishing season begins. We sincerely hope that the ideas in this Guide for Summer, plus boys and girls, sunshine, fields, lakes, cookouts, campfires, adventure, laughter and learning, will result in that ever new, ever magical experience—a happy summer at camp.

**By Mary Elizabeth Durfee**

*Program Advisor, New England Region  
Girl Scout National Field Staff*

**C**AMPING in this decade might be profiled in terms of three looks—A New Look, An Old Look and An Overlook.

As we consider the New Look, there can be no doubt but that this decade has opened in a changing social climate. Some claim our culture is changing more rapidly than ever before, except in revolutionary times.

Mechanization and automation already have affected program, sometimes in an unexpected way! It is as much an adventure, a pioneering experience, for today's camper to use a hand beater to mix his pancake batter as it was for his mother to mix with a forked stick when she was a camper. The further the home environment progresses into intricate gadgetry, the more golden will be the camp's opportunity to give the child the simple life, to teach the use of natural resources for living, perhaps even for survival.

The creation of more leisure time brings continuing concern about filling this time. Camping is based on active participation; it is a natural setting for physical fitness. It can easily be freed from TV! There is no doubt but that to offer challenging "Do-It-Yourself" activities, and to demand high standards of performance, is one of the greatest contributions camping can make.

Family mobility also has an effect on our picture. Membership in the close community of a camp can give a child that necessary sense of belonging that is lost when his family moves from town to town or state to state.

Our camper group increasingly will be affected by the high percentage of working mothers, and our older camp-

er group will be working more.

Since population figures show a teen-age bulge for the early sixties we need to plan now for a program that will truly meet the needs of this age group and be a meaningful experience in this very influential period.

And although the decade may bring a bulge in teen-age campers, it will also bring a squeeze in camping land. The phenomenon of urban sprawl, of suburbia, of industrial development and of highway construction is beginning to cause problems to camp privacy and to camp expansion. Not only must we plan ahead to meet our long term property needs, but we must use wisely, and to the fullest, those properties we already have. The word, the belief and a sincere interest in conservation are widely accepted, and the need for an all out conservation effort is widely recognized by persons responsible for camp site management.

The 1960's bring their own special challenge to international, intercultural understanding. Perhaps one of the most unique opportunities offered by camping is the chance for children from different backgrounds, even from different linguistic stocks, to live together, to meet people on a basis which is entirely different from the other ways that they meet people.

These then are some of the major

factors in today's social climate that have meaning for us in camping. They give the New Look to our camp setting. They offer new challenges that we have an obligation to meet if, through camping, we are truly to serve our youth. They will require adjustments, new approaches to our camp planning.

Now for the Old Look. Camping has a past, a history, a tradition to be revered and respected; it has roots that deserve to be perpetuated. It will be just 100 years ago this summer that the entire student body of the Gunnery School for Boys in Washington, Connecticut, moved to the shore for two weeks of boating, sailing, fishing and hiking. The purpose of this venture was recreation, it was organized on a group basis, and its special feature was a natural environment. Thus did organized camping begin, and Frederick William Gunn, head of the school, became its Founder. A century later, more than five million boys and girls disperse annually to all points of the compass to spend one to eight weeks in organized camps numbering close to 15,000 in the United States and Canada.

Though a century of growth has not materially altered the original foundations of camping as regards its recreational purpose, its basis of group living and its out-of-doors environ-

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# Camping thirties

ment, the 100 years has been marked by three definite stages in the development of camping philosophy.

The emphasis of the early years was purely recreational, and the selection of leaders and all program planning was guided by this objective. Then following the first World War, the social sciences received a stimulus which strongly influenced both education and camping. During these years, organized camping went through a stage of being closely allied to the methods and beliefs of formal education. Campers were most apt to be regimented, to be subjected to a system of highly organized classes with a more formal type of instruction in activity skills.

Beginning about 1930, and still parallel with developments in the field of education, camping reached the third and what, until now at least, has been the current stage in its development; the stage in which camp program planning and administration are directed toward the social orientation and responsibility of the child and his personal development as an individual and a member of a group in a democratic society.

While outdoor fun and recreation continue to be the framework upon which a camp program is built, and while the educational value of skills learned and knowledge acquired is

firmly entrenched in camping philosophy, it is this socio-educational and spiritual potential that is most worthy of emphasis by the camp director and his staff.

So, while a changing social climate may give a New Look to camping in the sixties, there is guidance for us from the Old Look, too. As long ago as 1923, Harvey Gibson wrote "Camping has become a recognized necessity in the all-round education of boys and girls." And in 1937 in his book "Group Work in Camping" Louis Blumenthal said, "From the nurturing of the soul, the building of the body, and the perfecting of skills, we have come to the development of the whole personality in the whole situation."

These old words have renewed meaning as we think of them today in terms of the future. The past hundred years of growth and development indeed yielded substantial values and sound building blocks. Yet the basic needs of children remain unchanged; some are merely accentuated because of changes in the world in which they live. Camping has the potential to meet these needs, by offering the opportunity for self-understanding, for appreciation of solitude, for individualism and independence, for integrity and friendliness, for discovering the real meaning of leisure, for appreciation of work. Camping can be the means of fostering creativeness, developing aesthetic appreciation, respect and reverence; for developing a sense of responsibility. It provides a chance for identification with differing social groups. It can broaden the camper's horizons.

Camping can help a child physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually. It remains for the camp

staff to make this experience effective.

And this brings us to the third and final "look," the Overlook. From the beginning, leadership has been of prime importance. As camping has expanded more counselors have been needed; as greater educational achievements have become the goal of camping so have the scope and quality of leadership requirements increased. In early years good athletes comprised the camp staff; today's counselors are selected for their interest in children and for some degree of skill in guiding camper development as well as for ability in practical activities.

Perhaps the single best statement about the importance of camp leadership is made in "Camping with a Purpose" by Marie L. Cortell: "Excellence in all other respects can be dissipated by leaders who are unequipped to realize the broad objectives of a good camp program. Social adjustment, personality development, enrichment of life cannot be scheduled activities of a day in camp. These intangible gains in a camper's experience are made possible by emotionally mature, socially adjusted counselors who are genuinely interested in the intangible values of the camp program as well as in teaching the skills of their various crafts."

Camping in the sixties then will have an Old Look, a New Look and an Overlook, of which the last, good leadership, will be the most important.

The only real defense for today's youth against the threats and problems that challenge this decade, and indeed, this century, is a strengthening of their moral and spiritual resources NOW. Their beliefs must be so clear and their convictions so strong they will provide a stabilizing influence in the face of these opposing forces.

# Guide to Program Activities

## Teaching Aids for Water Sports

By Harold Hainfeld

One of the more difficult things about working with swimmers is to get them to realize their mistakes in the water and what corrections need to be made. An excellent teaching aid is to take slow-motion analytical movies of the swimmer. These are of distinct value to the learner, helping him to improve his aquatic skills.

These films show, for example, the position in the water, arm movements when making strokes, position of the head while breathing, leg movements and kick.

The Bolex H-8 movie camera we have used is capable of shooting 100 feet of film without reloading. Also, it is manufactured with a housing for underwater photography.

We shoot movies at 64 frames a second and project them at 16 frames per second. This slow-motion photography permits careful analysis by teacher and pupil.

It's possible to shoot about two complete strokes in six seconds. Shooting at 64 frames a second would give you



almost 400 pictures, and use about five feet of film. Hence, about 40 pupils' skills can be filmed on one spool of 8 mm. film.

Film costs and processing come to about 20 cents per pupil — a very small investment for the improvement in swimming skills that result.

Processing the film takes about 24 hours and this rapid service is an important factor. The learner can see his good points and mistakes before the next lesson. The instructor's suggestions are fresh in his mind and he can visualize the corrections.

For projection, we use film-loops. This is a short piece of film with the ends spliced together. Each loop is made up of about five feet of film showing the activity of one swimmer. Thus, a pupil can see himself on the screen again and again.

The following table shows the results of an experiment made with three non-swimming groups. Group 1 used movies as an aid; the other groups did not. The test was to jump into the pool, level off and swim 25 yards after one week's instruction.

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Number of students in class	18	20	17
Number who passed the test	13	7	6

Each group was taught by Red Cross Water Safety instructors for one hour a day for six consecutive days. Film was shot on the third day and projected prior to the fourth day of instruction in the pool. Each student in Group 1 had about six minutes' extra time to view the film loops, study his form and receive suggestions.

By Irv Simone

In working with campers and counselors, I evolved the following teaching aid. No matter if it is the bow rudder stroke, stationary draw, or scull, the aid makes strokes easier to teach and mistakes easier to catch. Total comprehension of canoeing strokes is greater.

The problem of slow learning rate and comprehension of stroke objective seems closely related to the fact that reference points are easily lost during stroking movements. What was the outside face of the blade can become the inside face without the camper or the counselor knowing the rotation had taken place.

To solve this problem, paint one face of the blade red, the other green. Paint one edge yellow, the other white. The painted paddle is used in the following manner, with the Canadian "J" and the reverse scull strokes as examples.

The instructor starts the paddlers in a bow stroke catch position, with the red face forward and the green face to the stern. The yellow edge is in and the white edge is out. The camper has four check or reference points as he strokes.

As the campers do the "J" stroke, the instructor can see the white outer edge through the first part of the stroke and during the latter half he should see the green face and the inside yellow edge. The camper simply remembers to turn the yellow edge (inside edge) toward the stern. "J" stroke instructions would go something like this: Draw stroke, turn yellow edge to stern.

In the reverse scull, the red face is the outside face and the working face, the yellow edge is the lead edge going forward and the white edge is the lead edge going toward stern.

Reverse scull instructions would go something like this: Yellow edge in, push forward; white edge to stern, pull back. The instructor sees only the red working face during the entire stroke and the pupil sees only the green or non-traction face.

Once the camper and counselors have established the correct neuro-muscular pattern and really understand each stroke and its objective, the color aid is referred to only for review purposes. It definitely is *not a crutch* and has no undesirable aftermath that effects stroking with plain paddles.

I have kept records of my classes over a five-year period and my figures show that the experimental groups took 20 per cent less time to accomplish the standard repertoire of strokes than the control groups using the plain paddle. Written tests given to these groups showed greater comprehension of the true values of each stroke by the experimental group.

## Aquatic Games

These games are based on Indian games as described by Allan Macfarlan in "Living Like Indians." Only campers who swim well should be allowed to participate and life guards should patrol the water at all times during the games.

### Log Push Race

Two, three or four swimmers push a log, broadside on, in front of them, holding the top of the log with both hands and swimming forward only with the feet. Each team contests against one or more teams. All teams start



from the same starting line and each team pushes a log of the same wood, the same length and, as far as possible, of about the same weight and girth.

The distance for this race can range from 20 to 50 yards, according to the ages of the campers participating. Races with only one camper to a short log can also be contested, using light logs of about the same size.

#### Log Push-O-War

From two to six campers can compete on each team for this challenge. A big, long, light log is floated into position and a team gets on each side of it, holding the log with one or both hands on top of it, and feet ready to drive the log forward on the word "Push!" A float-marker is placed 20 yards behind each team, and the objective of each team is to drive the log forward toward the marker in front of it, despite the push of the rival team on the opposite side of the log. The log must be pushed broadside on throughout the race.

### Safe Night Games

The dark magic of night in the out-of-doors can be introduced to even fearful campers with simple games and careful leadership. Safety, of course, should be the first consideration of a leader when planning games and other activities to be played in the dark. Accidents can happen swiftly at night and all safety rules should be strictly enforced. Games which involve running should *not* be played in the dark under any circumstances. The following games are suggested by Allan Macfarlan in "Living Like Indians":

#### Cricket

This game is played by posting six or eight campers about six paces apart, along the edge of a wood or forest in the vicinity of camp. Each camper should carry a whistle, for use in emergency only. A leader, who carries both whistle and effective flashlight, goes past the campers into the wood until he is about 30 yards from them. He then crouches or takes cover behind a tree or brush and snaps a metal noise-maker, a "cricket," three or four times in succession, then pauses while he counts to 20 before sounding the cricket again.

The campers should be warned, before the game starts, to work their way slowly and cautiously, making as little noise as possible, toward the sound, as speed of arrival beside the leader does not count.

The main points in this simple game are to demonstrate the difficulty in locating exactly where sounds come from in the night and to encourage campers to learn to move as silently as an Indian on the warpath.

The game can continue until all the campers have located the leader or until the counselor decides to end the game by blowing a series of whistles. The whistles make it easy for "lost" campers to locate the leader who may also use his flashlight to guide them.

#### What Is That?

This night game could be mighty helpful to encourage younger campers to get over fears of strange noises in the night. A small group of campers go into the woods, along a stream or lake with an experienced and "night wise" counselor. The campers then compete in identifying the cries, whistles, squeaks, grunts, chirps, rustles, splashes and some of the many other mysterious sounds which make night in the outdoors so fascinating. The camper who recognizes the greatest number of sounds correctly wins.

#### Disks at Dusk

This game will help in developing night vision and can be played in varying degrees of darkness. The leader pre-



—Henderson Camps photo by Bert Kellogg

pares a number of disks, ranging from four to six inches in diameter, allowing four disks for each player. These disks can be cut from heavy brown paper or, better still, cardboard of various shades ranging from light buff to dark brown. These disks are spread on the ground over an area about 30 yards in diameter. Disks should be placed about 10 feet apart on ground which blends best with their color.

Before the game starts, the leader should carefully define the search area. The campers form a single line around the area, and on the signal "Go" move into the area and search in any direction they choose for the disks. Each camper picks up and keeps the disks he finds. At the end of a given time, the camper with the most disks wins. Campers should be encouraged to use their eyes instead of groping with hands and feet for the disks. As campers increase in skill, the game may be played in greater darkness.

### Luring Animals With Food

Campers enjoy an opportunity to observe the wildlife living in or near your camp site. One way to attract wildlife to your area is to set out food. But, before setting out any foods whatsoever with the intention of attracting animals or birds of any kind, the director should find out from the fish and game authorities whether such practice is legal in the state and locality. The director should also discourage regular feeding of any wild animals as this mistaken kindness undermines animals' natural food-getting instincts. Caution should also be taken so that unscrupulous "hunters" will not sneak onto camp property to shoot or trap the animals.

The following foods will attract wildlife to the place where a watching post or an observation circle has been established:

For raccoons, opossums and skunks — bread spread with fish oil, honey-covered raw vegetables, fish (canned salmon, canned sardines, dried salted herring), crisp bacon or meat fats, hard-boiled eggs.

For rabbits—cabbage, sweet potatoes; lettuce, Brussels sprouts.

For woodchucks—sweet potatoes, carrots, lettuce, peas, sweet corn, fresh string beans, corn cobs.

For muskrats—sweet apples, parsnips, carrots.

For weasels and mink—fish, fresh liver, chicken entrails, chicken heads, fish oil scents.

For squirrels and chipmunks—cereals, breakfast foods, various grains, sunflower seeds, cookies, unroasted pea-

nuts, salted potato chips, uncooked oatmeal mixed with peanut butter.

For rats and mice—cheese spread on bread, sunflower seeds, crisp bacon or meat fat, oatmeal mixed with peanut butter, potato chips, peanut butter liberally spread on cookies or bread, grains of corn.

For snakes—small eggs, raw and whole.

For snapping turtles—tainted raw meat or liver.

A good all-around decoy mixture—chiefly for all rodents, though it frequently attracts other animals—is made from the following ingredients: cooked or raw bacon, cut into small pieces, raisins, whole or chopped, and oily peanut butter, all blended in rolled oats so that it is like rather soft clay. This mixture will keep for months in an airtight jar or can. Rolled oats forms a part of almost all standard bait mixtures for rodents.

—Adapted from material in "Living Like Indians" by Allan A. Macfarlan, Association Press.

## Playing Tricks With Nature

This little trick-game can teach campers to observe closely and to learn how trees, plants and flowers really look. It can be staged on an elaborate or very simple scale.

In a comparatively small area, prepared in advance, the counselor carefully fastens a number of birch leaves onto several willow trees, wild cherry leaves on alders, dandelion leaves on marigold stems; he exchanges the flowers on different weeds or plants and makes as many similar and scattered changes as the flora of the area permits, without injuring rare or near-rare plants. The various attachments should be made carefully, green and brown threads being used to camouflage the "grafts."

The campers then come to the faked natural terrain, the boundaries of which should be marked with white cloth or paper streamers. Campers are given about 20 minutes, longer if the area is fairly large, to discover as many substitutions as they can.

The camper spotting the nature switches should snip off the tied-on leaves or flowers, leaving the thread attached and take them back to the counselor.

—Adapted from "Living Like Indians" by Allan Macfarlan, Association Press.

## Spur-of-the-Moment Contest

Don't announce this contest ahead of time! Conduct a Pocket Census. The winner is the camper who has the most and the most varied objects in his pockets.

## Hints for Game Leaders

A successful rainy day game session or evening game program needs a counselor who is able to lead campers effectively and to adapt himself to the group. The following suggestions will help you lead a game program:

1. Give the directions clearly. Explain games with enthusiasm. Create the spirit of cooperation.
2. Capture attention with the first event and establish the pace, tone and atmosphere of the whole program.
3. Be alert to capitalize on unexpected happenings; laugh with your campers; don't show annoyance.
4. Vary your program. Mix quiet and active games. Change the event when it seems to be going best. To leave the group wanting more is better than to bore them with too much.
5. Move the group to where you want them before giving directions for the next game.

## 50 Checks for Safe Riding Program

By Thomas E. Shires

Horseback riding is one of the most popular activities at camp. It is sometimes termed the most dangerous. This is not true of a well-run program with safety foremost in mind. This list of 50 safety checkpoints is to help you reduce the possibility of accidents in your horseback program.

### Instructor

1. Well qualified
2. Understands horses
3. Understands children

### Stable

4. No smoking
5. Fire extinguisher upstairs
6. Fire extinguisher downstairs
7. More than 2 exits
8. No campers in stable without supervision
9. Campers kept out of loft
10. A closed feed room
11. Horses tied securely in stable

### Horses

12. Have good sound horses
13. Get rid of kickers
14. Geldings are preferred
15. Have horses that are sure-footed
16. Have horses that are easy to control
17. Have horses that stand while mounting and dismounting
18. Get rid of ones that even offer to kick a person
19. Get rid of ones that even offer to bite a person
20. Have horses of good strength and endurance

### Tack

21. Safety stirrups
22. Strong safe girth
23. Short reins (so as not to get tangled)
24. Correct bit for horse

### Camper

25. Hard shoes with heels
26. Long trousers
27. Shirt with sleeves (when trail riding)
28. No rough-housing around stables

### In the Ring

29. Ring at least 50 yards from stable
30. Fence at least 4 feet high
31. Gate on the straight away (if rectangle shaped)
32. Level ring
33. No rocks
34. No overhanging tree branches
35. Keep gate closed
36. Keep horses separated
37. If a horse is not being used, take him to the stable
38. Do not ride at fast gaits if it is muddy

### On the Road

39. Watch for traffic constantly
40. Have an instructor in the front
41. Have an instructor in the rear
42. Ride on the side with the largest shoulder
43. Have campers ride a tight rein
44. Keep a horse's length apart
45. Ride single file
46. Watch for unusual objects
47. Ride on the soil

### At Overnight Camp

48. Keep campers away from horses after they have been tied for the night
49. Have accessible shelter
50. Have horses tied securely

# BOOKS

## Summer Activities



—Photo by C. C. Burnes

**THE SCIENCE OF SAILING**, edited by Bill Robinson, Charles Scribner's Sons, 597 5th Ave., New York 17. 1961. \$6.95.

A complete guide to small boat sailing, essentially for the experienced sailor, but easily understood by beginners.

**POPULAR DOMINO GAMES**, by Dominic C. Armanino, David McKay Co., 119 W. 40th St., New York 18. 1961. \$1.95.

For rainy days and idle moments, domino games offer good program possibilities. Here is an inexpensive book of rules and directions.

**YOUNG NATURALIST'S HANDBOOK**, by Duryea Morton, Audubon Naturalist Society, Box 202, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 4, D. C. 1960. \$1.00.

A 54-page introduction to nature lore projects which should encourage enthusiasm on the part of youngsters.

**EXPLORING THE RIVER**, by John and Jane Perry, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 W. 42nd St., New York 36. 1960. \$3.50.

A book for young people in which the authors investigate the river, its watershed, geology, geography and ecology.

**TACKLE SAILING THIS WAY**, by Christopher Dawson, Sportshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N. Y. 1959. \$3.75.

A book for the beginner, to help him learn how to handle a small boat.

**THE HOW AND WHY OF ROCKS AND MINERALS**, by Nelson W. Hyler; **THE HOW AND WHY BOOK OF STARS**, by Norman Hoss; **THE HOW AND WHY BOOK OF WEATHER**, by George Bonsall; Grosset & Dunlap, 1107 Broadway, New York 10. 1960. \$1.00 each.

Each book is an introduction to the particular area of nature study. The last includes many experiments for youngsters to try.

**THE SPORTSMAN'S COOKBOOK**, by Ted Karry, Doubleday and Co., 575 Madison Ave., New York 22. 1961. \$3.50.

What to do with wild fowl and game from the moment they are killed to the

final garnishing of each dish. For a new program idea, camp people will be interested in the account of how to make and use smokehouses for game (or domesticated) meat and fish.

**TACKLE CLIMBING THIS WAY**, by John Disley, Sportshelf, P.O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N. Y. 1959. \$3.75.

Starting at the very beginning, the author shows the novice climber the various steps from fell-walking to climbing with ropes.

**KNOW THE GAME — BOATING, ROWING, CANOEING, PUNTING**; Sportshelf, P. O. Box 634, New Rochelle, N. Y. 1960. \$0.75.

A booklet from the Amateur Rowing Association of England and the British Canoe Union. A well-illustrated book of fundamentals. The British canoe is our kayak, so don't look for canoeing techniques as we know them.

**ANIMAL SIGNS AND SIGNALS**, by Ted Pettit, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N. Y. 1961.

An introduction to animal lore for the young reader.

**HOW TO KNOW THE BUTTERFLIES**, by Paul and Anne Ehrlich, Wm. C. Brown Co., 135 S. Locust St., Dubuque, Iowa. 1961. \$2.75 spiral, \$3.25 cloth.

An illustrated key to all species of North American butterflies. Includes notes on habits and larval food.

**TRAMPOLINING ILLUSTRATED**, by Chuck Keeney, The Ronald Press, 15 E. 26th St., New York 10. 1961. \$4.00.

Rebound tumbling stunts presented in progression from the simplest through advanced combinations.

**PEBBLES AND SHELLS**, by Illa Podendorf, Grosset and Dunlap, 1107 Broadway, New York 10. 1960. \$1.00.

Another of the True Book series for beginning readers. A book which opens the door to the wonders of stream and seashore.

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**A POCKET GUIDE TO BIRDS**, by Allan D. Cruickshank; **A POCKET GUIDE TO TREES**, by Rutherford Platt; **A POCKET GUIDE TO WILD FLOWERS**, by Samuel Gottscho; Washington Square Press, 630 5th Ave., New York 10. 1960. The first \$0.60; the others, \$0.50.

Paper back editions of previously published resource books.

**THE STORY OF BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER INSECTS**, by Peter Farb, Harvey House, Publishers, Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y. 1961. \$2.95.

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THE FERN GUIDE, by Edgar T. Wherry, Doubleday & Co., 575 Madison Ave., New York 22. 1961. \$3.95.

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THE LIGHTNING BOOK, by Peter E. Vie-meister, Doubleday & Co., 575 Madison Ave., New York 22. 1961. \$4.50.

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THE CHURCH CAMP PROGRAM, by Betty van der Smitten, Faith & Life Press, Newton, Kans. 1961. \$1.50.

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ANIMAL CLOCKS AND COMPASSES, by Margaret O. Hyde, McGraw-Hill, 330 W. 42nd St., New York 36. 1960. \$2.95.

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**MANUAL OF RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP**, by Ralph C. and Ethel Wilson, Burgess Publishing Co., 426 S. 6th St., Minneapolis 15, Minn. 1961. \$1.75.

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**TEACHING SCIENCE THROUGH CONSERVATION**, by Martha E. Munzer and Paul F. Brandwein, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 W. 42nd St., New York 36. 1960. \$7.50.

A presentation of practical laboratory and field study procedures used in making clear various aspects of conservation.

**ARCHERY HANDBOOK**, by Edmund H. Burke, Arco Publishing Co., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17. 1960. \$2.50.

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**DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES**, by Mary Geisler Phillips, Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 432 4th Ave., New York 16. 1960. \$2.50.

A book for the junior naturalist telling how to find, identify and collect these insects.

**FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE GUIDE; SOCCER SPEEDBALL GUIDE INCLUDING FIELDBALL; BASKETBALL GUIDE**, American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C., 1960. \$1.00 each.

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**SPORTS ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF HORSEBACK RIDING**, J. B. Lippincott Co., 521 Fifth Ave., New York 17. 1960. \$2.95.

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# Arts and Crafts



—photo from Camp Illahee, North Carolina

## Finding Patterns in Nature

A camp arts and crafts program should take full advantage of natural surroundings. We can all agree with this philosophy but at times it becomes a little difficult. Campers may have expressed the desire to learn more advanced techniques or to handle materials not available on the campsite. Or time may be a factor—in a short period there may just not be time to search out natural materials and to complete projects.

But using "store bought" materials does not rule out using nature as your guide for craft projects. Start with color. If a camper is making a lanyard, perhaps you can help him choose color combinations that reflect a combination in nature. Blue for sky and white for clouds or brown and green for tree trunks and leaves would be a start in helping the camper to see the world around him.

A youngster weaving pot holders could select colors from a flower. Another youngster could use the colors seen on a berry-laden bush when enameling copper jewelry.

Next you can help campers see design in nature. Perhaps they are finishing wooden bowls, tie-racks or plaques with wood burning designs. Suggest that they discard patterns for windmills, Indian heads and cartoon animals, and find a pattern in nature. A leaf can be traced or a curved twig, a star, the moon, lightning flashes are all simple enough for the youngest camper and can become attractive designs.

Ceramic work also offers many opportunities for campers to seek out their colors and decorative designs in nature. So do metal work and leathercraft. The simplest ceramic ash tray or molded form can be glazed or painted with colors taken from an actual object in nature. A pre-cut leather coin purse may be finished with a design the camper bases on something he has observed in nature.

## Charcoal Portraits

Each camper needs a piece of paper and a small piece of charcoal. Names of each other are drawn by lot and a cartoon type sketch of the one whose name has been drawn is made by each camper. Including a suggestion of a distinctive characteristic, such as an ax in hand for the group's best chopper, is more fun than attempting faithful reproduction of facial features. Artistic ability for this kind of sketching is not necessary. When all sketches are

finished, they are passed around. Everyone tries to identify them.

—Adapted from "The Outdoor Book," by Arline Broy, Camp Fire Girls, Inc.

## Try Vegetable Sculpture

Here's a "quickie" idea for campers of any age. Try vegetable sculpture. All the tools you need are small carving knives or penknives. Use carrots, beets, potatoes, apples, turnips, and sweet potatoes. Sometimes the shape of the vegetable will suggest an animal or figure to the camper. Toothpicks, twigs, raisins, leaves, can be used for legs, eyes, tails, and other decorations.

## Outdoor Collage

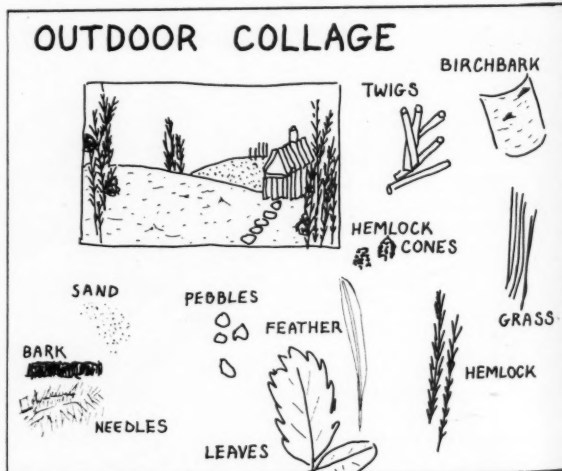
Collection and identification of the various elements in the collage are activities in themselves and serve as an interesting supplement to a nature and conservation program.

**Needed:** scissors, cardboard, glue, paints, and all sorts of outdoor materials such as birchbark, leaves, pine needles and cones, twigs, sand and other material that can be glued on cardboard.

Use a large piece of cardboard, at least 12 by 15 inches. Discarded corrugated cartons are a good source. Use the unprinted side.

Plan the collage first, and pencil in guidelines lightly. Then glue on large flat areas, such as birchbark or sand. Next add items like needles and leaves from trees, hemlock cones and finally lumpy objects like pebbles. If scrap fur is available, use this to represent animals.

—Adapted from "10¢ Crafts for Kids," by Jane Wardwell, Association Press.



## Try Relief Pictures

In making relief pictures, the idea is, instead of drawing or painting, materials are prepared and glued on. For instance, mosaic designs might be made with irregularly shaped bits of crayoned cardboard, or a stained glass effect may be had by dripping thick colored lacquers. String can be fashioned into fish and seaweed.

First, interest campers in collecting the materials — stimulate their ingenuity, but for a starter suggest string of all colors, pieces of flannel, beans of all sizes, colors

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## How To Use Cold in Emergency First Aid:

**Sprains.** Elevate injured part to a comfortable position. *Apply cold packs* to sprain to ease swelling and relieve pain.

**Bruises, Black Eyes.** Apply cold pack promptly to bruise for 20 to 25 minutes. Cold inhibits flow of blood to wound, helps limit discoloration, reduce swelling and pain.

**Bleeding.** In bleeding from the nose, the head should be kept erect, as lowering the head tends to encourage continued flow of blood. *Apply cold* to the nose, and if the bleeding is from near the tip of nose, pinch the nostrils together for a few minutes. In bleeding from cuts and abrasions, keep the area raised and *apply cold* in conjunction with other prescribed treatment.

**Insect & Snake Bite:** For bee, wasp and hornet stings, remove stinger with sterilized needle or knife point. *Apply cold* to sting to relieve pain and slow absorption of venom. Apply calamine lotion to relieve itching. For ant, chigger and mosquito bites, wash affected parts with soap and water, then apply paste of baking soda. *Apply cold* to reduce swelling. For snake bite, follow prescribed first aid procedure, using *cold* application on wound to relieve pain and help limit spread of venom.

**Sunstroke.** For mild sunstroke (marked by headache, fatigue, dizziness and, perhaps, fainting), cool patient off quickly. *Apply cold packs* to head to help lower body temperature.

**Minor Burns.** Follow recommended first aid procedures to exclude air from burned area and prevent contamination. *Apply cold packs* to relieve pain.

**Other Uses.** Cold packs may be considered for use in conjunction with other appropriate first aid measures in treating minor head injuries, suspected appendicitis, headache and fever, toothache, and fainting.

and shapes, colored lacquers, silver and gold foil, corrugated paper and cardboard. Supply each camper with a rectangle of wood or composition board. Have at hand glue, crayons and a completed picture or so. Suggest that each have his picture in mind before he starts, but that he not draw it on his paper. Often as the picture develops, imagination and creativeness soar.

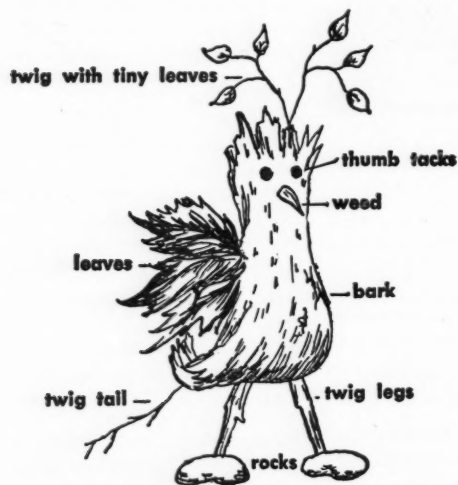
## Jewelry from Cartridge Cases

The piles of spent cartridge cases which collect in any camp with an active riflery program can be used for attractive jewelry projects.

Polished, sawed, bored—they lend themselves to making necklaces, bracelets, cuff links and many other pieces. In combination with colored beads of wood, glass or plastic and strung on wire or colored string, only the ingenuity of the campers limits the uniqueness or creativity of their design.

## Make a Fish Game

Have young campers cut out with scissors from thin sheet-cork fish shapes at least one inch wide by two inches long. Punch a hole about where the eye would be. Fish are then crayoned heavily to waterproof and identify fish. Individual designs with lines, spots, etc., will help to differentiate. Hooks are made from bent paper clips, tied to the end of a string about 12 inches long, which is attached to a small stick. (Longer strings make the game more difficult.) Let campers toss their fish into a tub of water, then fish them out. Three or four children to a tub, and four or five fish per child, are enough.



THE GIGGLE BIRD

## Giggle-Wiggles

These inimitable creatures are fashioned from natural materials plus an active imagination. Make a game of the project. To start, send a group out to gather small (six inches) articles, such as those listed below. Be sure conservation practices are observed; most raw materials for giggle-wiggles can be picked up from the ground.

Explain what to do only when campers return with their finds. They may use materials collected individually or all finds may be placed in the middle of the work area for pot luck supply.

Let materials themselves suggest what each would like

to make. Let campers feel, examine and experiment, trying a leaf here or a cone there before gluing. Allow plenty of time; while they may begin slowly, they will be deeply engrossed after they get started.

Menageries made one afternoon may suggest a group activity such as a circus, a zoo, or a trip to Mars to view its animals. Both the hunt and the creative period following sharper powers of observation and stimulate interest in leaf shapes, bark textures, etc.

Giggle-wiggles can be made anywhere. Day campers can find surprising treasures in vacant lots, playgrounds and school yards.

**Materials:** Those listed are suggestions; you will think of others. Be sparing in the use of commercial materials; creations, though amusing, should look as though they came from nature.

### Natural Materials

(Use whole or in pieces)

Leaves of bushes, weeds, trees

Twigs, branches

Roots of trees, weeds, etc.

Seed pods, dried grass

Acorns and other nuts

Feathers

Rocks

Cones, bark

### Supplementary Materials

Glue, household cement

Yarn, thread

Thumbtacks, pins

Construction paper

Modeling clay

String, thin wire

Brown masking tape

Let natural materials suggest other projects—centerpieces for cookout meals or in camp, arrangements for display or as background for giggle-wiggles, or just for fun.

—Adapted from "The Outdoor Book," by Arline Broy, Camp Fire Girls, Inc.

## Be a Scavenger

Much material for arts and crafts is free for the searching. Look for and save:

Candle scraps, candle wicks, cans, cardboard, coat hangers, crayon scraps. Egg cartons, glass jars, matchsticks, oatmeal boxes, pinch clothespins, popsickle sticks. String, thread, toothpicks, walnut shells, wallboard scrap, wallpaper scrap.

During out-of-camp season, try these sources for free materials:

**Cigar stores** for cardboard and wooden cigar boxes, and heavy cardboard from discarded displays.

**Groceries** for cardboard cartons.

**Lumber yards** for board ends and scraps, long, skinny pieces from plywood sheets cut to order, hardwood scraps. One hardwood company incinerates bushels of scraps every week—mahogany, cherry and walnut—because no one asks for it.

**Leather goods manufacturers** for pieces left over from manufacture of purses and gloves.

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**Hat makers** for small scraps of felt or decorative materials.

**Wallpaper stores** for catalogs that are out-of-date or mused.

**Gasket manufacturers** for scraps of sheet cork.

—Adapted from "10¢ Crafts for Kids," by Jane Wardwell, Association Press.

## BOOKS

### Arts and Crafts



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by Bert Kellogg

**CREATIVE CLAYWORK**, by Harald Isenstein, Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., 419 Fourth Ave., New York 16. 1960. \$2.95.

Step-by-step instructions on working with clay to mold, decorate, dry and fire, progressing from simple objects to original sculpture. Fully illustrated.

**STAMP CRAFT**, by Lore Collin, Charles E. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vt. 1960. \$1.00.

Sub-titled "Picture Play with Postage Stamps," this book describes and illustrates the hobby of creating pictures from cancelled stamps.

**ORIGAMI STORYBOOK**, Japanese Paper-Folding, by Florence Sakade, Charles E. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vt., \$4.50.

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**ORIGAMI KIT**, Charles E. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vt. 1960. \$2.75.

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**CERAMICS HANDBOOK**, by Richard Hyman, Arco Publishing Co., 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17. 1959. \$2.50.

A pictorial presentation showing step by step how to make all types of pottery, ceramic sculpture and jewelry.

**ART FROM SCRAP**, by Carl Reed and Joseph Orze, Davis Publications, Printers Bldg., Worcester 8, Mass. 1960. \$3.95.

A fully illustrated book of methods and ideas for crafts using a wide variety of discarded and inexpensive scrap materials.

**PRINTING FOR FUN**, by Koshi Ota et al, McDowell, Obolensky, Inc., 219 E. 61st St., New York 21. 1960. \$3.95.

Simple techniques of printing (stamping, clay, plaster, rubbings, etc.) which will prove to be a new approach to art in camps. Illustrated in color.

**HAND-BUILT POTTERY**, by Josephine R. Krum, International Textbook Co., Scranton 15, Pa. 1960.

The author shares with the reader her understanding of the needs of students of all ages and of the problems of teachers who desire to use clay intelligently and creatively.

**10¢ CRAFTS FOR KIDS**, by Jane Wardwell, Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 17. 1961. \$2.95.

A book for leaders of children's groups who are in need of suggestions and instructions for inexpensive craft projects.

**CREATIVE PAPER DESIGN**, by Ernst Rottger, Reinhold Publishing Corp., 430 Park Ave., New York 22. 1961. \$4.00.

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**PRINTMAKING WITH A SPOON**, by Norman Gorbaty, Reinhold Publishing Corp., 430 Park Ave., New York 22. 1960. \$3.95.

Instructions and suggested designs for simple print making using a variety of materials. Basic tools and materials needed are listed.

**GOOD TIMES DRAWING LINES**, by Ruth Shaw Radlauer, Melmont Publishers, Chicago 7. 1961. \$2.50.

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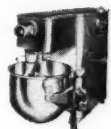
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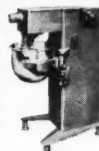
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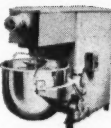
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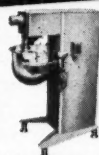
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## Camping's Challenge Outlined By ACA President Michaels

By Stanley J. Michaels  
ACA President

ACA is the Voice of Camping, but it can only be heard as the composite of the voices of all of us. No camp is independent of all other camps, and each camp director has a responsibility to all other directors, and to the field of camping.

We say that camping is educational and contributes to the growth of youth. We say that camping is a profession. Let us be sure we are doing all we can to attain the status of a profession. This is the time to strengthen our standards program. Some of our standards should become mandatory. We must maintain maximum standards, because we want maximum performance and we are willing to work for it. We must not wait for policing, either within our own organization or from state and federal agencies. Let us take positive action in legislation to assure good regulations for camping — not just take negative action when it is too late.

We are now adding a fourth professional staff member to our national office with primary responsibility in the field of leadership training. If we are to do better camping, the progress, I am sure, will come through improving our camp programs, and through more trained leadership. It is essential that we provide not only better staffs in our camps, but more training and more help on the job. ACA is working in this direction. We shall soon augment our campcraft certification program by adding similar programs in tripcraft and nature craft.

It seems to me now, we should be considering ways and means of certifying camp directors. We should have training clinics for new camp directors and have a procedure whereby in order to direct a camp one must prove his readiness to assume this important responsibility.

I also hope other Sections of ACA will follow the example of the Michigan Section. Michigan provided the financial resource for our ACA Re-

search Grant. We must continue to study what is being done in camping, pool our resources in Sections and nationally, and publish more of our research.

Let us extend our public relations, so that we may help parents and the public understand the unique contributions and values of a camping experience, what to look for in a camp, and how to select a camp for a child.

I think it's time now — after 50 years of ACA history — that we adopt a national code of ethics.

Yes, we have work to do, lots of it. For we, who are in camping today, are leaders of youth — part of a tremendous force of people concerned with the education, character development, citizenship training, moral and physical stamina, and recreation of children and youth in today's world. We are not alone in these concerns; the schools, churches, recreation and organization leaders and parents are all part of this tremendous force; and it is well we recognize this partnership, this sharing of responsibility. It will help us to determine our part of the job, and leave us free to do that part which we are equipped to do, rather than attempting a total job.

And here, I believe, we have three major areas of responsibility. The first is to our country — not just as citizens with the usual obligation to do our share for our country's welfare, but as those with the special opportunity of guiding and molding citizens of tomorrow's world. Today, this responsibility weighs more heavily upon us than ever before, and it is crucial that we explore and develop the inner resources of our youth to their fullest potential.

I believe American parents are aware of the real needs of their children, their need to be in contact with the sources of life; to discover within themselves their own initiative, self-reliance, and moral fibre, and the kind of outer toughness that city life cannot develop. In a camp setting, as we know it, a child once again has

the opportunity, as his forefathers did, to meet new situations and master new skills. In camp, our children develop a joyousness which is stifled by the restrictions urban life imposes. Our children must have the opportunity to develop these inner strengths, as well as outer toughness.

A second responsibility—as leaders of youth and as members of a professional society—is to the campers in our own camps and to their parents. We must continually search for the best methods to serve our camper groups and reach the objectives we have for them. There are new techniques and methods for training staff. Study carefully the monograph which appeared in the March issue of the *Camping Magazine*, "Camper Guidance — A Basic Handbook for Counselors." There are new insights into planning for the development of camp facilities and camp sites, for program possibilities and ways of work. We must do all we can to accomplish the greatest gain in our own camps with our own specific camper groups.

Our third responsibility as youth leaders is to the camping movement as a whole. Let us always remember that what we do in our camps reflects for good or bad on other camps. The tragedy of a drowning in any area, any accident on a trail, behavior of youngsters on hikes or trips, or of counselors in the small town nearby, reflect on all of camping, and on all camp directors.

We must provide activities that strengthen character and build resourcefulness, that will present good people-to-people relationships and understanding of those who are of different race, color or creed. Let us help young people recognize civil rights and civil liberties and to practice them. We must provide real community living that exposes the camper to living experience in democratic government. And we must also develop appreciation of the world of nature and a responsibility for good outdoor manners and the wise use of our great natural resources.

We must provide opportunities to do those things that cannot be done as well or as satisfactorily in town, and take advantage of the outdoor setting for "real" camping. But we also must extend these opportunities by providing more facilities for older campers, including our senior citizens. By recognizing our responsibility to serve campers with mental, physical and social handicaps — by providing better staffs, more training and more help to our counselors on the job.

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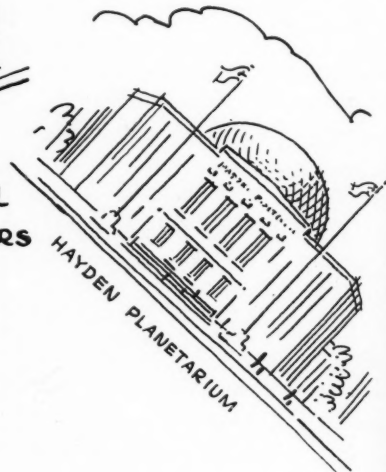


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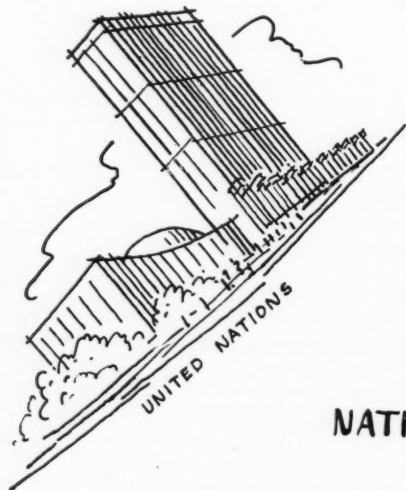
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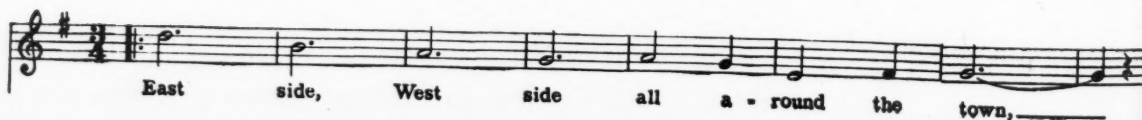
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### Washburn and Leuhrs Named ACA Chairmen

Frank "Scotty" Washburn was recently appointed Nominating Committee Chairman of the National ACA. Mr. Washburn is associated with the Seattle, Wash., YMCA, and is a recent past president of Region VII.

Armin (Whitey) Leuhrs has been named chairman of the National ACA Program Service Committee. Mr. Leuhrs is associated with the YMCA Camp Widiwagan, Ely, Minn., winter address, YMCA, 475 Cedar St., St. Paul 2, Minn.

### Program Innovations Planned for '62

The 1962 national convention of ACA will offer something for everybody, John H. Dreasen, general chairman of the convention committee indicated in a recent statement. There will be both large meetings with outstanding speakers and small groups



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for intimate discussion, in the areas of the campsite, the camp staff, the campers and the program. A unique method of programming will make it possible for those attending the conference to discuss these topics in small

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In addition, several unusual out-of-hotel functions are planned. These include a meeting at the United Nations building, a cookout meal in Central Park, as well as participation by a number of historic and scientific institutions in New York.

The convention committee and your chairman both send a personal invitation to every ACA'er to attend the March 6-10, 1962 meeting at New York's Hotel Statler-Hilton. Mr. Dreasen concluded.

### Annual Journalism Conference Announced

The Annual Journalism Conference, sponsored by Mrs. Zak Zarakov, will take place at Camp Zakelo, Harrison, Maine, on July 17, 1961. Purpose is to foster a greater interest in camper-produced newspapers and magazines. Mrs. Zarakov, associate director of Camp Zakelo, urges camp leaders to send sample copies of camper publications to her at 393 Clinton Rd., Brookline 46, Mass.

Also at Camp Zakelo this summer The United States Lawn Tennis Association will offer the first State of Maine Camper Tennis Workshops, Clinics and Tournaments August 10 through 13. All Maine camps are invited to participate. For details contact Mr. and Mrs. Zarakov.

### ACA Family Camping Consultation Held

With more than 14 million individuals camping in family units and the number growing annually, there is great need for better use of existing campsites, development of new family camping areas, setting of standards of practice and provision of improved means of communication among family campers and family camping groups.

These were the conclusions of a three-day consultation on family camping sponsored by ACA May 3-5 at Camp Letts, Mayo, Md., and attended by national leaders and executives from 21 organizations, associations and government agencies. Gunnar Peterson, ACA chairman Individual Family Camping Committee, led the meeting.

The group indicated its belief that ACA would be the natural body to act as coordinator of family camping and requested that the Association give consideration to developing a method by which family camping could become affiliated with ACA. A

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follow-up meeting of the group was planned for November 1961.

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Two kinds of family campsites were described as requiring attention. One is facilities for transient family groups wishing to stop overnight while enroute between home and destination. The second, designated as terminal or vacation campsites, includes those sites designed for families wishing to camp at one place for a period of from several days to a few weeks.

To serve the camping public it was suggested there might be developed numerous small-capacity campsites near heavily traveled highways, so placed as to provide camping facilities within approximately two hours' driving time.

Additional larger campsites, it was said, should be developed near scenic, historic and recreational areas. It was also urged that organized camps with suitable areas consider making them available to family campers, either during the regular camping season, or in pre- and post-camp periods.

## Sections Report

### Current Activities

#### Region I

New England Section's Campsite Conservation Workshop was held April 29 at Mrs. Grace Mitchell's Green Acres Day Camp, Waltham, Mass.

#### Region II

New Jersey Section's 5th annual workshop, held recently at Cathedral House in Newark, had morning and afternoon discussion groups on: canoe trips, arts and crafts, nature and conservation, music, and ACA Campcraft course.

New officers elected by New York Section are: president, Herbert Brill of Camp Kinni-Kinnic and vice-president, Mrs. Helen Haskell of Camp Treetop. Members of the board are: Roberts D. Burr, Alexis B. Dmitrieff, Peter Gucker, Jack Kamaiko, John Ledlie, Harriet Gulick Pierce and Margaret Werthman.

The Capital Section cooperated with the local YMCA to present recently the second annual training course on Family Tent and Trailer Camping. Two concurrent courses were given, each comprised of five evening sessions. The final meeting was a weekend at Camp Letts with practice in setting up individual camps.

#### Region III

New officers for Region III are: chairman, Mrs. Miriam Friedman, Lake Erie Section; vice-chairman, Miss Betty Kirlin, Kentucky Section; secretary-treasurer, Robert Farkas, Lake Erie Section; nominating chairman, Douglas Salisbury, Michigan Section.

Michigan Section has chosen the following board members: Mrs. Paul Hunsicker, Marvin Liberson and Frank Specht.

Lake Erie Section recently put on a Water Show to help raise funds to maintain a clerical worker in the Section office. The show was under direction of Al Hardy, Section president.

#### Region V

New officers for Iowa Section are: president, J. M. Steffenson; vice-president, Dr. Corinne Harper; secretary, Alice F. Lillie; treasurer, Clyde Bailey.

Wisconsin Section's Spring Institute had as its theme "Better Planning — Better Camping," and was held at George Williams College Camp, William Bay, Wis. It included two full days of program, exhibits, and featured speakers.

St. Louis Section's recent activities include: a skills session of two hours' instruction in arts and crafts, music and folk dancing; the annual spring conference at Sherwood Forest Camp; and a day camp seminar.

Chicago Section's recent annual meeting had as featured speaker Robert Harlan, one of four YMCA secretaries who visited camps and investigated the youth program in Russia.

#### Region VI

Colorado Section's "Camping Round-Up" presented an all-day workshop program on archery, arts and crafts with natural materials, campfire programs, horsemanship, music, orienteering, conservation, and "Helping Staff to Do the Job" for camp directors and administrators.



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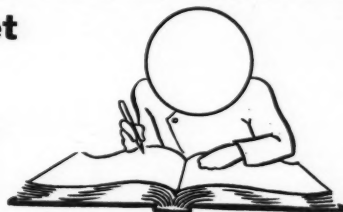
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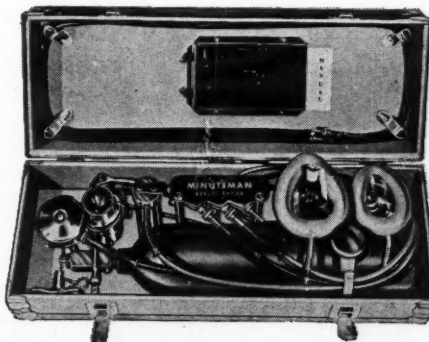
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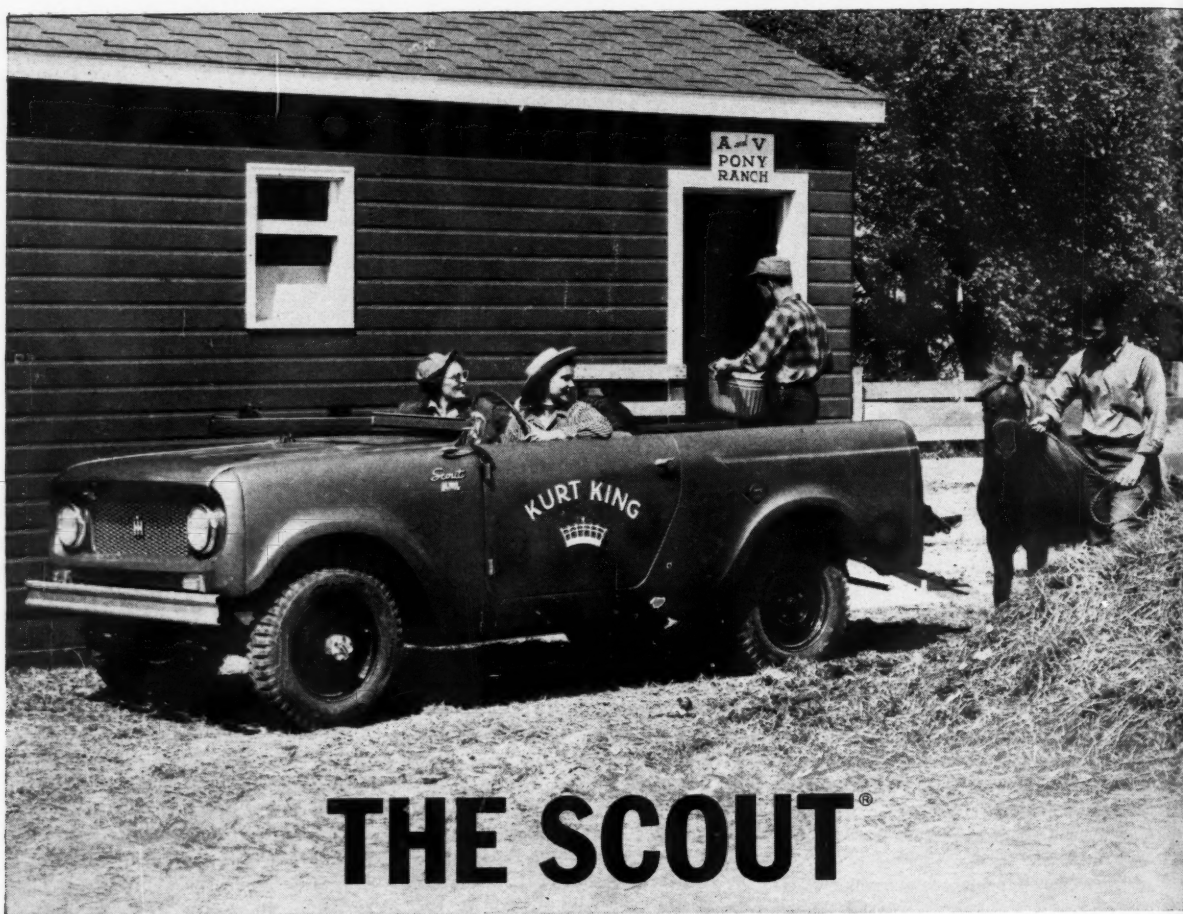
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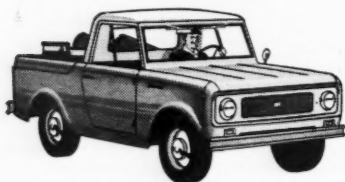
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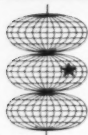
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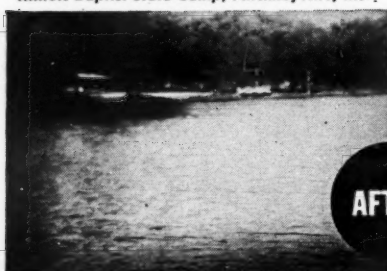
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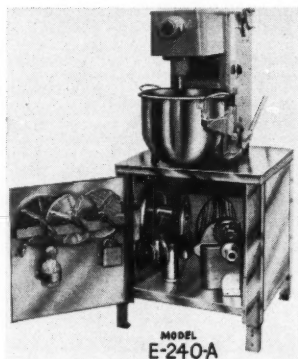
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### Society's Challenge for Camping

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**W**HAT ARE WE doing with our children today? Has our society become so massive, so organized, that our youth are limited in what they can do during their free time?

There is a growing consensus of opinion today among camp administrators and program directors, educators and social workers that lack of freedom for the individual child in our society has caused a large percentage of metropolitan youth to participate in full-time, overly organized activities. The result is youth who have little opportunity for development of their own values or goals.

During recent years dynamic social and economic change has taken place. The edges of cities are no longer free for children's unsupervised activities. Suburban development has removed the pond, the field and the woods from hiking distance.

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The more a child crams into his daily schedule, the more he misses freedom; freedom really to be himself, to make choices, to grow, to do what he wants, to do nothing at all.

There are then two areas in which our society is failing our children. (1) In the community, we have not provided our youth with physical facilities for individual expression and free use of time. (2) In the school and in the home, we have involved youngsters in so many activities that

youngsters have no time for creative or imaginative thinking, no time to work out their own problems.

Here is where the real value of the camp enters the picture. Camping can help compensate for what has been neglected by the school and community. This means abolishing the traditional class concept of many camps and replacing it with the cabin or tent group as a social entity. Each cabin counselor is then merely a guide. During pre-camp training he should develop some ability in all activities so that he can meet the interests of all campers. He must appreciate each camper as an individual and guide each camper in developing creative skills, whatever they may be. In this way the camp may give the child what organized society denies him.

A youngster in the late elementary and junior high age group tries to come to terms with himself as a person, seeing clearly his assets, limitations and potentialities. He labors to evolve a philosophy of life. He clarifies his thoughts through discussions with friends, discussions not pressured by adult-imposed responsibility. All this takes time.

In camp, counselors must help youngsters find time for the freedom they need, help them toward a sensible balance of activity. Camp staff must set limits and then children can make choices.

In an effective modern camp, total camp organized activities should be kept at a minimum. The major emphasis must be placed instead upon close personal relationships. In order to achieve this, camp should be decentralized. When each cabin or tent group represents a social entity, the individual counselor can establish small group behavior standards, thereby eliminating mass conformity characteristic of urban social patterns. In this way, special emphasis can be given to meeting the emotional and social needs of the individual camper.



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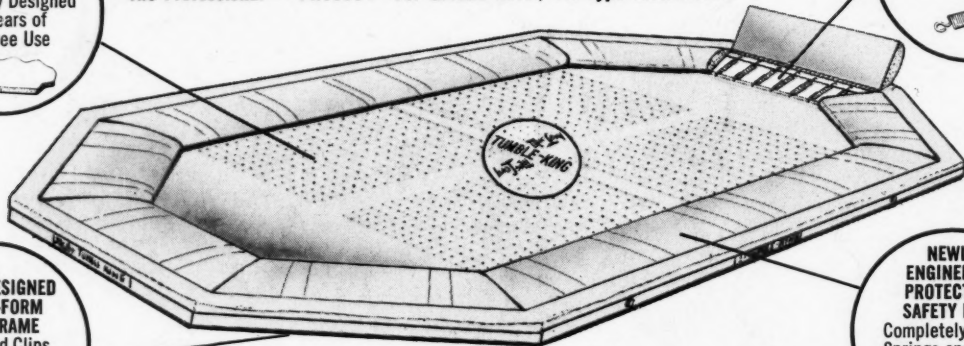
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